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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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Also among the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 under Non-Patent Literature Documents is an Australian Examiner's First Report on Australian Patent Application No. 2005254100, which is related to U.S. Application No. 10/569,054.

Also among the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 under Non-Patent Literature Documents is an International Preliminary Examination Report for International Application No. PCT/AU03/000804, which is related to this application.

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Also among the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 under Non-Patent Literature Documents are an International Preliminary Examination Report and International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/AU01/01032, which were previously submitted in U.S. Patent Application No. 11/785,887, and accordingly are being made of record here.

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for International Application No. PCT/AU02/00500, which were previously submitted in U.S. Patent Application No. 11/785,887, and accordingly are being made of record here.

Applicant submits herewith an English language abstract of the French language reference WO 03/070322, in lieu of a translation or a statement of relevance of said foreign language document.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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